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REMARKS

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1. Between 11 and 22 January 1954, KVP Camp Hutweide quartered an estimated 300 to 350 men and about 100 officers, who wore red and black collar patches, in some cases also blue collar patches.  on 11 January, 80 men practiced firing at the target range, while about 100 men were being given basic training without weapons at the athletic field.

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The afternoon of 22 January, about 60 men returned from an exercise from the wooded area east of the installation. The soldiers wore winter uniforms and were armed with rifles. On the same day, about 30 men were seen doing close order drill without weapons at the athletic field.

2. On 20 January, KVP Camp Niederschlag quartered an estimated 250 men and about 100 officers. In the afternoon, about 30 men armed with rifles were observed making a cross-country run on skis in the area south of the installation. At the same time, about 100 men were seen clearing snow at the camp.

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Comment.  component elements of Mechanized Regiment Marienberg, probably its artillery and its tank battalion, are located in the Baerenstein area. These two battalions may be stationed at Camp Hutweide and Camp Niederschlag. Information furnished by sources indicates that two-week ski courses were held in the Baerenstein area for selected KVP personnel in January and February 1954.

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